

Senate Study Bill 1132 - Introduced

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to licensure identification and display
2 requirements and professional title and abbreviation
3 restrictions for certain health-related professions and
4 making penalties applicable.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 147.7, subsection 2, Code 2013, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. ~~This section shall not apply to a~~ A person who is
4 licensed in another state and recognized for licensure in this
5 state pursuant to the nurse licensure compact contained in
6 section 152E.1 or pursuant to the advanced practice registered
7 nurse compact contained in section 152E.3. ~~A person licensed~~
8 ~~in another state and recognized for licensure in this state~~
9 ~~pursuant to either compact~~ who has a primary site of practice
10 ~~shall, however, maintain~~ display a copy of a license and
11 evidence of current renewal issued by the person's home state
12 ~~available for inspection~~ when engaged in the practice of
13 nursing in this state.

14 Sec. 2. Section 147.72, Code 2013, is amended to read as
15 follows:

16 **147.72 Professional titles and abbreviations.**

17 1. a. Any person licensed to practice a profession under
18 this subtitle may append to the person's name any recognized
19 title or abbreviation, which the person is entitled to use,
20 to designate the person's particular profession, but no other
21 person shall assume or use such title or abbreviation, and no
22 licensee shall advertise in such a manner as to lead the public
23 to believe that the licensee is engaged in the practice of any
24 other profession than the one which the licensee is licensed
25 to practice.

26 b. Any advertisement for services provided by a person
27 licensed to practice a profession under this subtitle shall
28 clearly identify the license held by the person advertising or
29 providing services, consistent with this subtitle.

30 2. A board shall require any person licensed to practice a
31 profession identified under section 147.74 to do the following
32 when directly engaging a member of the public in the practice
33 of the person's profession:

34 a. Wear a form of identification consistent with rules
35 promulgated by the department in collaboration with each

1 applicable board, unless wearing identification creates a
2 safety or health risk. The rules shall establish uniform
3 minimum standards for identification. Minimum standards
4 shall include prominent display of the professional title and
5 abbreviation of the licensee as set forth in section 147.74.

6 b. If wearing identification creates a safety or health
7 risk, the licensee shall verbally disclose the license the
8 licensee holds.

9 3. Persons licensed pursuant to section 148.5 shall also
10 comply with the requirements of subsection 2 of this section
11 consistent with rules adopted by the board of medicine.

12 4. Failure of a licensee to comply with the requirements
13 set forth in subsection 2 and the rules adopted thereunder may
14 constitute a basis for board action against the licensee.

15 Sec. 3. Section 147.74, subsection 21, Code 2013, is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 21. An advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed
18 under chapter 152 may use the words "advanced registered nurse
19 practitioner" or the letters "A.R.N.P." after the person's
20 name. A registered nurse licensed under chapter 152 may use
21 the words "registered nurse" or the letters "R.N." after the
22 person's name. A licensed practical nurse licensed under
23 chapter 152 may use the words "licensed practical nurse" or the
24 letters "L.P.N." after the person's name.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill makes changes relating to licensure identification
27 and display and to professional title and abbreviation
28 restrictions for certain health-related professions.

29 The bill provides that a person recognized for licensure in
30 Iowa under the nursing compact in Code chapter 152E who has a
31 primary site of practice is required to display evidence of
32 current renewal of the license, in addition to the license.

33 The bill requires that any advertisement for services
34 provided by a person licensed in a health-related profession
35 clearly identify the license held by the person advertising or

1 providing services.

2 The bill requires persons licensed in health-related
3 professions whose professional title and abbreviation
4 is designated by Code section 147.74 to wear a form of
5 identification based on standards promulgated by rule by
6 the department of public health in collaboration with each
7 applicable licensing board. The bill also provides that this
8 requirement applies to resident physicians licensed under Code
9 section 148.5.

10 The bill also authorizes an advanced registered nurse
11 practitioner to use the words "advanced registered nurse
12 practitioner" or the acronym "A.R.N.P.". Current law provides
13 that a person who fails to properly use the designations
14 specified in statute is guilty of a simple misdemeanor. A
15 simple misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more
16 than 30 days or a fine of at least \$65 but not more than \$625
17 or both.